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ODE for the New Year, by COLLEY CIBBER, Eſq; Poet Laureat to his majeſty; with Annotations.

RECITATIVO.

TO GEORGE, to GEORGE, our patriot king,
The new and happy ſeaſon ſing.

Our patriot king.] By a *patriot* is generally meant ſome eminent ſubject, who ſtands up in defence of the laws and liberties of his own *native* country, in oppoſition to thoſe who join with courtiers in pillaging it, and bringing it under tyrannical oppreſſion. Our LAUREAT is the firſt author I have met with, who joins the terms *patriot* and *king* together. Whether he deſigned the former as a ſubſtantive, *put by appoſition to* the latter, according to the ſyntax of the Oratory; or as an epithet or adjective agreeing with it, according to all other ſyntax, I know not; yet, I think, from the ſeeming inconſiſtency of the terms, there ariſes a ſurpriſing prettineſs of expreſſion. And this prettineſs is not more poetical, than proper; eſpecially at a time, when an invidious diſtinction of *Court* and *Country party* is propagated throughout the nation, repreſenting the leaders of the latter as the only true *patriots*, and thoſe of the former as a ſet of corrupt men, carrying on an intereſt very different from that of their own country. —— But there is another ſignification of the word, which fully juſtifies the uſe of it here, and for which there is no leſs authority than the famous Mr. BOYER; who in his *Royal Dictionary* explains *patriot* by *father of his country*. This I imagine our LAUREAT met with, when employed about ſome of thoſe admirable tranſlations of CORNEILLE, with which he has obliged the public.

AIR.

With high reſounding lay,
Invoke the God of day,
That this auſpicious morn may bear,
To his indulgent ſway,
Progenial rounds of many a glorious year.

High reſounding.] Some copies have *high reſounded*; which, tho' yielding almoſt the ſame ſenſe, ſeems not altogether ſo proper in this place as the other.

To his indulgent ſway.] Some perſons, who injudiciouſly expect, that grammatical niceties ſhould be obſerved in poetical compoſitions, have referred *his* to *the God of day*; and then criticized this ſtanza as nonſenſical. But it is evident to every thoughtful and judicious Critic, that *his indulgent ſway* muſt neceſſarily relate to *our patriot king* in the firſt verſe, five lines before, and in a different ſentence. This incoherence is a beauty in Lyric poetry. —— But theſe verſes, being repeated, as the *Chorus*, at the end of the *Ode*, will moſt properly fall under a more particular conſideration there.

RECITATIVO.

Rude tho' our native ſtrains may prove,
Yet, flowing from the voice of love,
What equal ſounds can charm the royal ear?

What equal *ſounds can charm the Royal ear?*] To this firſt interrogatory, propoſed here as unanſwerable, I ſhall venture to anſwer, Other *rude native ſtrains flowing from the voice of love*, or other *Birth-day* and *New-years Odes*. Thoſe, and none but thoſe, can yield *ſounds equal* to theſe *rude native ſtrains*.

AIR.

Freedom, peace, and laws ſecure,
Well may make the ſubjects ſing;
Smiling thus, while theſe endure,
Ev'ry hind at home's a king.
Wou'd the mortal wiſh have more,
Than enjoying what we taſte?
Cou'd Diſtraction call'd to pow'r,
Give the world a nobler feaſt?

Well may make the ſubjects ſing.] Tho' theſe words are capable of two very different ſenſes, viz. either *may* juſtly *make the ſubjects ſing*, or *may make* them *ſing well*; yet the poet ſeems to determine us to the former, by the foregoing modeſt character of his *native ſtrains*, that they are but *rude*.

Smiling thus, while theſe *endure.*] The words *ſmiling* and *theſe* ſeem neceſſarily to relate to *ſubjects* in the verſe immediately preceding; and not to *freedom*, *peace*, and *laws* in the verſe before it. Yet ſince it is more poetical to repreſent theſe three, as perſons *ſmiling* upon Great Britain; I am apt to think, that the author gave it originally *thoſe* inſtead of *theſe*. This eaſy alteration put me in mind of a third ſenſe, of which this place is capable, by applying *ſmiling* to *every hind* in the verſe following: *Thus every hind ſmiling*, &c. Theſe three different ſenſes, and all good ones, make this *Ode* ſtill more reſemble ſome of the *Odes* of HORACE, in which Critics, by the ſole change of a letter, or a point, have diſcovered ſuch different and beautiful meanings, that it is difficult to know which was the original meaning of the author.

Ev'ry hind at home's a king.] The peculiar beauty of this line depends upon a tranſaction, of which a particular account was given in the *Daily Poſt Sept.* 8. to this effect. 'Their majeſties and the royal family hunting a ſtag near Staines on Sept. 5. one Richard Violet 'a farmer clapt an iron chain acroſs the way leading into 'his lands, to prevent them from entering; declaring 'that he was *king in his own grounds*: nor would he 'remove his chain, 'till their majeſties had graciouſly 'ordered him ſome gold.' Our LAUREAT would not have ventured to immortalize this bold action of a Britiſh *hind* by a hint of this nature, had he not had good reaſon to think, that this conduct would not be at all diſagreeable at Court; to which he has hereby payed the greateſt compliment.

Wou'd the mortal wiſh, &c?] The *mortal wiſh* means *the wiſh* of *mortals*. To this ſecond interrogatory ſome have anſwer'd, Yes: becauſe, ſay they, every one neceſſarily *enjoys* that which he *taſtes*, whilſt he is *taſting* it. But theſe Critics do not conſider, that *enjoying* denotes here a long *enjoyment* or reliſh after *taſting*; or rather a frequent repetition of the ſame grateful *taſte* for a conſiderable time.

Cou'd Diſtraction, &c.] Thus it is in ſeven copies: four others have *Detraction*, which is certainly the true reading. To this third interrogatory it has been unanimouſly anſwered, No.

RECITATIVO.

To former reigns look back, and ſee
What periods rival our felicity;
None we there ſhall find,
Unleſs to glory blind,
We wantonly confeſs,
That war than peace is greater happineſs.

This whole ſtanza is built upon this truth, That the moſt happy *periods* of all *former reigns* were times of *war*: which whoever can imagine may at all *rival our felicity*, muſt be *blind*, not only to the *happineſs* of *peace*, but to the *glory* of *war*.

AIR.

What land, or what nation, tho' nearer the ſun,
Throughout in its ſtation has Britain outdone?
Whate'er in high meaſure our climate denies,
For uſe, or for pleaſure, the ocean ſupplies.
If gold, or gems glaring, we fetch from the mine,
We're not in the wearing burnt under the line:
Nor, tho' our occaſions far northward may roll,
Are ſtarv'd like the nations froze under the pole:
Our flocks on the mountains, are fleeces of gold;
Our valleys and fountains, how fair to behold!
To Britain ſubjected, the ſeas are her fence,
While freedom protected, gives might to our prince:
Yet, tho' to our wiſhes all nature we bring,
The boaſt of our wiſh is, Great GEORGE is our king:
While abſolute princes take pride to annoy,
His glory commences where ſubjects enjoy.

What land, or what nation, &c.] *Britain* of late years, *throughout in its ſtation*, has ſo much *out-done her uſual out-doings*, that no one can pretend to anſwer this fourth interrogatory.

Nor, tho' our occaſions, &c.] This *rolling* of *our occaſions far northward* is an expreſſion ſo poetical and ſublime, that no words can ſet it in a more conſpicuous light.

Our flocks, &c.] *Are fleeces of gold* is more ſtrongly and poetically expreſſed, than if it had been ſayed *bear fleeces of gold*. And tho' this might eaſily be ſhewn to be more than poetically true, by the frequent enterprizes of foreign Argonauts to fetch away *our golden fleeces*; yet our ungrateful *hinds*, as this gentleman told us in his laſt New-Year's Ode, *for their plenty ſhow ſadneſs*, and *out of plenty* endeavour to *create want*, continually complaining of the low price of wool and mutton.

Our valleys and fountains, &c.] The word *fountains* is by a metonymy put here for *rivers*, which are much more *fair to behold* than our *fountains*, but would not rime to *mountains*.

RECITATIVO.

For ever might theſe bleſſings laſt,
If never full poſſeſſion pall the taſte:
Kind heaven ſeems to pour them down our due;
While to our prince, and to ourſelves we're true.

For ever might, &c.] This aſſertion is certainly true, that *theſe bleſſings might laſt for ever, if* the *full poſſeſſion* of them *never palled the taſte*. Nay, ſuppoſe it ſhould *pall* our vitiated *taſte*, the *bleſſings* muſt neceſſarily *laſt* as long as their *full poſſeſſion* has that effect upon us. The light of the ſun continues the ſame *bleſſing*, tho' the conſtant enjoyment make us leſs ſenſible of the greatneſs of it.

CHORUS.

With high reſounding lay,
Invoke the God of day;
That this auſpicious morn may bear,
To his indulgent ſway,
Progenial rounds of many a glorious year.

One of our Critics wondered, why *the god of day* ſhould be *invoked*, to the end that AURORA or *the morn* (who was never looked upon either as his wife or miſtreſs) might *bear* or bring forth, &c. To this it was anſwered, that AURORA was not here intended, but this one, ſingle, *auſpicious morn* of *Jan.* 1. 1734. This anſwer, the Critic ſayed, removed one difficulty indeed, but created a greater: for how can this one *morn*, which properly produces but one day, *bear* or bring forth *progenial rounds*, &c.? It was immediately replyed, By producing that one day, which would produce the next morn, and that the day following, and ſo on 'till the *progenial rounds* were all brought forth.——For my part, I told them, I rather took the word *bear* in the ſenſe of ſupporting; and looked upon *this auſpicious morn* as the baſis upon which theſe *progenial rounds of years* were to be built: and I imagined, that the poet might have taken the hint both of the thought and the expreſſion, from ſeeing, in ſhops, cheeſes or barrels of oiſters piled upon one another; both which may very properly be called *progenial rounds*, from the numerous *progeny* they contain.

BAVIUS.

Preliminary articles of peace between the Patentees and the Revel company of Comedians.

I. There ſhall inſtantly commence an entire ſuſpenſion of arms on both ſides.

II. The Chevalier de CLARGES ſhall effectually reſtrain his troops of execution from committing any further hoſtilities upon the perſons and properties of the Revellers or revolters.

III. A general amneſty ſhall immediately be iſſued, fully pardoning all ſuch, who by writeing, printing, publiſhing, or ſpeaking, ſhall have any ways offended the moſt illuſtrious republic of Drury-lane.

IV. The Revellers ſhall be permitted to march out of the New Theatre in the Hay-market, with their ſwords and baggages, their own muſic playing before them, and other marks of honour.

V. The ſayed Revellers ſhall, for themſelves, their heirs and ſucceſſors, for ever renounce all manner of right and title whatſoever to the ancient and Royal Theatre in Drury-lane, together with all the diſtricts and dependencies thereunto belonging, notwithſtanding any treaty or ſtipulation they may have entered into with any perſon whatſoever to the contrary.

VI. The ſayed Revellers ſhall return to their duty within fourteen days after the date of theſe preſents; and ſhall acknowledge, and ſwear fealty to MARY WILKS, WILLIAM HIGHMORE, JOHN ELLIS, and JOHN RICH, as their only rightful and lawful ſovereigns.

VII. The opprobrious names of *vagrant*, *rogue*, and *vagabond* ſhall be eraſed out of the records of Drury-lane.

VIII. Signior HARPER ſhall receive ample ſatisfaction for whatever damage he may have ſuſtained by the detainder and confinement of his perſon in the caſtle of St. Tothill.

IX. Commiſſaries ſhall be appointed to eſtimate and ſettle the charges and expences both ſides have been at, during the continuance of the late unnatural diviſions;

and if any new difficulties happen to ariſe, they ſhall be referred to a more particular diſcuſſion at the next general Dyet of Bartholomew-fair.

X. And for the more effectual reſtoring, ſettling, confirming, and eſtabliſhing the peace and tranquillity of the Stage, the illuſtrious dowager HESTER BOOTH ſhall be given in marriage to the moſt ſerene infant Don THEOPHILUS CIBBER, with ſuch apanage, portion, and dower, as ſhall be judged neceſſary and proper to ſupport their dignity.

XI. Duke GIFFARD ſhall have ſix weeks allowed him to accede to this treaty; which if he declines, he ſhall be compelled by the united forces of the contracting powers to evacuate the duchy of Goodman's-fields, and to retire with all his vaſſals out of that neighbourhood, by the 25th of March enſuing, being the feaſt of the Annunciation of our Lady.

XII. The laudable Cantons of the Theatre-Royal in Lincoln's-inn fields, together with the Helvetic Body of the King's Theatre in the Hay-market, ſhall be invited to accede to this treaty, with ſuch reſtrictions and limitations as ſhall be agreed on by the contracting powers.

XIII. The moſt high and puiſſant JOHN FREDERICK HANDELL, prince Palatine of the Hay-market, the moſt ſublime JOHN JAMES HEIDEGGER, count of the moſt ſacred and holy Roman Empire, and the moſt noble and illuſtrious Signior SENESINO, little duke of Tuſcany, do engage for themſelves, their heirs and ſucceſſors, to become guarantees for the due performance and execution of all, every, and ſingular the articles of this preſent treaty.

Done in the camp in New-palace-yard before Weſtminſter-hall, this 28th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1733.

An Epilogue *to the* Adelphi *of* TERENCE, *acted by the* King's ſcholars *at* Weſtminſter-ſchool, *on Nov.* 28, *and Dec.* 6. *Spoken by* DEMEA.

Since angry juſtice late her power eſſay'd,
To ſtop the progreſs of dramatic trade;
In earneſt ended, what in jeſt begun,
And dropt the curtain e'er the play was done;
An arch comedian wag compell'd has been,
To make his entrance in another ſcene,
To act a ſcurvy part he ne'er before
Had play'd, and from low life deſcend to lower.
Perhaps you'll ask us, if our bard, and we,
Can ſtand the teſt of legal ſcrutiny
Small privilege, I fear, can TERENCE have,
By birth and fortune, African and ſlave:
From their own pariſh far his perſons come;
At Athens born, and bred, they ſtroll'd to Rome.
But there the vagrants meet uncommon grace,
And e'en his worſhip SCIPIO ſigns the paſs:
Where e'er they roam, of favour ſtill ſecure,
If wit can favour claim, or language pure.
But who in court a plea of wit e'er ſaw?
And Latin, all muſt know, is dead in law.
Theſe reaſons fail perhaps, if ſtrictly try'd;
But, Sirs, I, DEMEA, take the milder ſide:
And thoſe who carry *ſummum jus* ſo high,
I hope will change their minds, as well as I.
Let mercy temper rigour—tho' I own,
I fear no other danger than your frown:
On Rome I little build, on Athens leſs;
Yet no commitment fear, or law diſtreſs;
I act by licence from the good queen BESS.

N. B. *This* Epilogue *was incorrectly printed in one of the* Evening Poſts, *before it had been ſpoken the ſecond time: for which the perſon that handed it to the preſs, deſerved to receive ſuch diſcipline, as the young gentlemen formerly ſo juſtly beſtowed upon* Mr. CURLL.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
D A. *Daily Advertiſer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

Free-maſon-oratorial advertiſements and puffs in December. — Free-maſonical advertiſements 4: Oratorial ditto 8: in all 12: decreaſed 3. — Free-maſonical puffs 5: Oratorial ditto 3: in all 8: decreaſed 3.

A bill of Hyp-oratori-free-maſonical mortality for the year 1733.

Hyp advertiſements 38. Free-maſonical ditto 11. Oratorial ditto 98. In all 147. — Hyp puffs 41. Free-maſonical ditto 10. Oratorial ditto 45. In all 96. — Sum total of advertiſements and puffs 243. — Decreaſed this year in the advertiſements 1: in the puffs 26.

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 3. Laſt night his highneſs the prince of Orange lay at the earl of Orkney's ſeat between Reading and Maiden-head. *P.* — Propoſed to lie at Caverſham, a ſeat belonging to the lord Cadogan. *D P.*—His highneſs lay at Nevil Gray, the earl of Hertford's ſeat. *D J.*

We hear that his highneſs preſented to her royal highneſs the princeſs royal, on New-year's day, an exceeding fine pearl necklace of very great value, which belong'd to the late queen Mary. *L E.* — A curious pearl necklace, with a ſolitaire, and a pair of diamond ear-rings, to the value of 3000 l. made by Mr. Syrrack in York-buildings, Jeweller. *P. Jan.* 4.

We hear that laſt week the ſum of 58,000 l. ſterling, was remitted hither, to Mr. Da Coſta the Jew, from the empreſs of Ruſſia, being the purchaſe-money of a large diamond, ſold to her Czarian majeſty ſome time ago. *S J. L E.*

Yeſterday his grace the duke of Devonſhire was pleaſed to give 150 l. to the guard that attended his grace's plate and pictures that were ſav'd from the fire of his late houſe in Piccadilly. *D A.*

There are two mayors choſen for Woreham in Dorſetſhire, which has made much confuſion in that corporation. *S J.* — For Wareham. *L E.* — Mr. Conundrum *ſays, that one of theſe* mayors *or* majors *will certainly prove a* minor.

The inqueſts for weights, meaſures, and annoyances for Weſtminſter, called the Chriſtmas-jury, have collected near 300 l. for relief of poor houſe-keepers. *L E.*

Laſt tueſday morning a gentleman was robb'd by a ſingle highway-man, between Hyde-park corner and the Turn-pike to the value of 100 l. — The ſame morning, as two gentlemen and ladies were walking in Kenſington gardens, a man on horſeback who was in Hyde-park cloſe to the wall which is very low, pull'd out a piſtol, and demanded their money and watches, and threatened to ſhoot them in caſe they ſtirred, on which the ladies throwed their watches, and the gentlemen their purſes over the wall, and he pick'd them up and rode clear off. *P.* — Yeſterday. *D J.* — Hen. Bignal and —— Smithſon, Eſqrs; with their ladies, near the Ha-ha-wall, &c. one gold watch, 2 ſilver ones, a ſilver ſnuff-box, and about 4 l. in money: he left in his hurry about 40 s. on the ground. *D A.* — *The ingenious* collector *of news, who invented this way of* collecting money, *may change his employment without changing his name.*

Wincheſter, Jan. 1. We have undoubted aſſurance from all the principal towns in this county, that the right hon. lord Harry Pawlett and Anthony Chute, Eſq; who have compleated their tour round the county, have received the chearful and voluntary promiſes of a majority of above 1000 votes. It is therefore hoped the fabulous pretences and reports ſet about by the author of the London Evening Poſt, and retailed in the Craftſman, will not deceive the friends of our happy conſtitution, &c. *S J. W E.*

The hon. Geo. Compton, Eſq; having declar'd himſelf a candidate for Northampton, made a cavalcade on monday laſt quite round the town with about 1500 perſons, &c. *L E.*

Died laſt tueſday in Wardour-ſtreet, Soho, the hon. Miſs Jane Villers, a maiden gentlewoman, aged 36. *P. D P. D J.* — Yeſterday Mr. Weſton, Steward to Bethlehem hoſpital. — At Sangate-caſtle, Will. Burrel aged 107 and ſome months. *W E.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 4. Yeſterday at a board of admiralty, the lord Aubrey Beauclerk, brother to the duke of S. Albans, was ſworn in captain of the Garland man of war, and receiv'd his commiſſion. *D J.*

Two hogſheads of French brandy, and 60 dozen of knives and forks, were yeſterday ſent down to the lord Viſc. Vane's ſeat in Kent, for the entertainment his lordſhip deſigns to give the freeholders on the 10th inſtant. *D P.*

Yeſterday the lady Viſcounteſs Bolingbroke, wife to Henry St. John, Eſq; late lord viſcount Bolingbroke, lay dangerouſly ill at Sir Will. Windham's houſe in Dover-ſtreet. *D A.* — The lady of Hen. S. John, late, &c. at his houſe in Dover-ſtreet. *D J.*

Yeſterday near 200 felons convict were put on board a ſhip to be tranſported to his majeſty's plantations in America. *D J.*

Died a few days ago in Bartlet's buildings, Mrs. Morgan, a widow gentlewoman, reputed worth 15,000 l. *P.* — On monday at Barnes in Surry, aged 86, Mrs. Patience Beach, a widow gentlewoman of a good family and fortune. *D A.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 5. Laſt night a meſſenger brought an account that his highneſs lay on wedneſday night at Mr. Nevil Grey's ſeat in Berkſhire. *P.* — At Nevell-Grey, the earl of Hertford's ſeat. *D P.*

Mrs. Poole is appointed office-keeper to the clerks of the king's kitchen, in the room of Mrs. Percival. *P. D J.*

The rev. Dr. Donne is made a prebendary of Canterbury, in the room of the rev. Dr. Lynch, who is promoted to the deanery thereof. *D J.*

Their majeſties having ſent to Kenſington to be informed of the truth of a robbery ſaid to have been committed in the royal gardens, &c. the whole appeared to be falſe and groundleſs, and only an idle, forged, and fictitious ſtory taken from one of the Daily papers. *S J.* — *This* idle, forged, and fictitious ſtory *was* taken from *ſome-body* into *three* of the Daily Papers, *and not originally* from *any* one *of them.*

On wedneſday at Langleybury in Hertfordſhire, John Clarke, Eſq; formerly an eminent Hamburgh merchant.

Married laſt week at Windſor John Barnard of Maiden-head, Eſq; to Miſs Gale, daughter of James Gale of Reading, Eſq; *D A.* — yeſterday at S. Margarets Weſtminſter, Knapper, Eſq; to miſs Atkinſon, a young lady of celebrated beauty, and a fortune of 4000 l. *D J.*

Died on the 28th in his 73d year, at Chiſwick, George Patterſon, Eſq; *P.* — Yeſterday morning at Parſon's-green, in his 90th year, Gilbert Boſtock, Eſq; *D A.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 7. Yeſterday being Twelfth-day, the ſame was obſerv'd as a high feſtival at court, &c. when the rev. Dr. Lynch preached before their majeſties, his royal highneſs the prince, and the 3 eldeſt princeſſes; their majeſties made the uſual offerings of gold, myrrh and frankincenſe, *C.* &c. — The rev. Dr. Sykes preached before his royal highneſs the duke, and the princeſſes Mary and Louiſa. *C. P. D J.*

Yeſterday a meſſenger brought advice from the earl of Hertford's ſeat at Marlborough, that his highneſs the prince of Orange arrived there on friday night in good health. *C.* &c.

On ſaturday his excellency the Chevalier de Oſſorio, envoy extraordinary of his Sardinian majeſty, gave a moſt ſplendid entertainment to the miniſters of ſtate and foreign miniſters, at his houſe in Lincoln's-inn-fields, on account of the vaſt ſucceſs wherewith it has pleaſed God to bleſs the arms of the king his maſter, &c. It was remarkable, that of 21 foreign miniſters reſiding at this court, 16 appeared at table. *D J.*

Sir Brounlow Sherrard, Bart. hath charitably ſubſcribed 100 l per ann. towards maintaining the new Infirmary at Hyde-park corner. *D P.*

A perſon in Grub-ſtreet, who had the happineſs to find two friends who were his bail for an action of 20 l. brought againſt him; an execution coming on, he had the conſcience to go from his bail, who were then under an obligation to pay the debt; but on friday they found means to ſecure him, and brought him to the White-lyon tavern in Alderſgate-ſtreet, in order to ſurrender him up, where the villain attempted to cut the throat of one of his bail, but not ſucceeding, he ſtabbed the other in the back, and wounded him in a dangerous manner, upon which he was ſecured and committed to the Compter. *C.* — *This* villain *was* a perſon in Grub-ſtreet, *not* a Grubſtreet author.

Married yeſterday morning Tho. Thornton of Kenſington-ſquare, to miſs Farington of Spring-garden, an agreeable young lady of 10,000 l. fortune. *P.*

Died laſt friday ſe'nnight near Thirſk in Yorkſhire, in his 98th year, Sir Richard Goodwin, Knt. *D A.* — Laſt week at the Bath the right hon. the lord Grimſton, of the Kingdom of Ireland. *D P. D J.* — Laſt week he ſet out from Bath. *D A. Jan.* 9. — On friday in King ſtreet Weſtminſter, the rev. Dr. Drift, A. M. rector of Wantage in the diocele of Ely, a living worth upwards of 200 l. per ann. *D P.* — Worth 400 l. per ann. *P. D J.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 8. Laſt night there was a great appearance at the drawing-room at court, when their majeſties, &c. played at hazard and cards with the nobility for the benefit of the groom-porter. *C. P. D P.* — His highneſs the prince of Orange arrived at Bath on ſaturday, and went to Weſtgate-houſe about a quarter after five in the evening. His highneſs induſtriouſly declined receiving the formalities of the corporation. *P. D J.* — On ſunday at the duke of Chando's houſe. *D P.*

Yeſterday they began to pull down part of the boarded gallery in St. James's park in order to make a clear paſſage of 12 foot wide from St. James's houſe into the park. *P. D P.* — 9 feet *D A.*

On friday the preſs-warrants were iſſued out for impreſſing ſea-men to man the ſhips. *D A.*

We hear that John Crawley, Eſq; and counſellor Kettleby have been recommended by the lord Bruce to repreſent the borough of Great Bedwin in Wiltſhire. *P.* — We hear from Buckingham, that the right hon. the lord Catherlogh and George Chamberlain, Eſq; their preſent members, will be rechoſen without oppoſition. *D A.* — From Sevenoak, that on thurſday ſeven-night Sir Charles Faraby entertained at his ſeat the freeholders of that pariſh and Otford. There were

about 150: and it is not doubted, but that Sir George Oxenden and lord Middlesex, will carry their election by as great a majority as was ever known, notwithstanding the many false and malicious reports, &c. *D J.*

On tuesday and wednesday at Burford downs, Mr. Cornwall's chesnut gelding (borrowed of Sir Mich. Newton) beat Mr. Bray's chesnut horse for a 100 guineas. —— And Mr. Phillip's bay gelding *Bustler* beat Mr. Bray's grey mare *Country Wench*, for 125 guineas. *D P. D A.*

The foreign secretary, who lately withdrew himself from this kingdom, has been seized at Rotterdam. Bank of England bills for 1500 l. were found upon him. *L E.*

Died on saturday in Marsh-street in Walthamstow, —— Humerstone, Esq; possess'd of about 4000 l. per ann. —— On sunday near Charing-cross, being almost 80, Mr. John Dennis, the noted critic. *D P.* —— In his 85th year. *S J.* —— Yesterday in Southampton-street, Bloomsbury, miss Winington, a young lady of distinguish'd beauty and merit. *P. D A.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 9. Last monday night their majesties lost at hazard considerably, the lord Harrington won about 7100 guineas. *D P.* —— Upwards of 500 l. *D A.*

The hon. the lord Vere Beauclerc, one of the commissioners of the Navy, and his brother the hon. lord Sidney Beauclerc, a commander in the Navy, intend to stand candidates for New Windsor; and will be opposed by the hon. Mr. Masham, son of the hon. the lord Masham. *P.*

Yesterday at a court of lord mayor and aldermen at Guildhall, the choice of an ordinary of Newgate was deferr'd for a month. —— The mannagers of the lottery for the relief of the sufferers by the charitable corporation desired leave to draw the said lottery in Guildhall; but the same was refused. *P. D J.*

Yesterday at the ballot at the York-buildings, upon the question, Whether there should be an application to the parliament the next session, the numbers for the question were 344. against it 244. A man who had no stock personated another, who had been out of town, but happening to come in his boots the fraud was discovered. *C. D J. DP. DA.*

Yesterday at the sessions for the royalty of the Tower Hamlets Sir John Gonson, the chairman, opened the said sessions with a very learned speech. *P.* —— Gave an incomparable, learned and ingenious charge. *D J.* —— To-morrow the rev. Mr. Bedford is to preach at Bow-church before the society for reformation of manners. *C. P.*

Yesterday a dutchman ventured to scate on the canal in S. James's park, but had the ill luck to drop through the ice to the bottom, and if there had not been present help, he must have inevitably perished. *P.*

Died last sunday at Marlborough, aged 75, Mrs. Martha Abbay, possess'd of an estate of 400 l. per annum. *P.* —— 800 l. *D J.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-street.*

To oblige the lady, or the lover, or both, the following letter and verses were ordered to be printed.

SIR,

THE following acrostic, was written by a young lady in the country; and being the first essay of her poetical genius, I hope you'll think it worth a place in your paper.

Your humble servant,

E. I.

M ARIA, fairest of thy sex and best;
A dor'd by all; of ev'ry grace possest;
R enown'd for all that's good: to make thee shine:
Y outh, beauty, wit, and innocence combine.

H ere nature's master-piece at once we view,
A nd all her choicest gifts pour'd out on you.
W atch her, ye Sylphs, that hourly guard the fair,
K eep from approaching ills your darling care:
E ach nymph with me shall join, to sing thy praise;
R epose and peace crown all thy future days.

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To lash the gown with unbecoming rage,
And on devotion fall, to raise the stage;
To ransack brothels for the guilty scenes,
Or paint the villain happy in his chains;
This task to others we consign: let G——
From dungeons fetch the hero of his play.
Let C——R by his coxcombs gain applause;
Live, as he acts; and be the thing he draws:
The many various fops his writing apes
Are but himself in just so many shapes.
To nobler sense attend, and beauties hear;
That charm'd a Roman and Athenian ear:
Such as MENANDER's warmer fancy thought,
And TERENCE to perfection's standard brought.
What, tho' our author one small sketch displays
Of soft intrigues, and wanton CUPID's ways?
Yet couch'd and elegant the passion's shown,
And o'er the scene the nicest veil is thrown:
In ev'ry act some turn distinguish'd shines;
The scheme how curious, and how warm the lines!
With the fair virgin, who a part not bears?
Who glows not at her charms? who melts not at her tears?
The courtly pimp and bully well appear,
In GNATHO's cringe, and THRASO's blustring air.
In fine contrast who can enough admire,
The sober, tipsy, fighting, flying squire?
But after all, some here perhaps will say,
How came the *Eunuch* hero of the play?
Ladies, your leave this *Eunuch* to explain.
The person then, ——
Not from the proud Seraglio's prison came:
Unlike that herd in ev'ry thing, but name;
Such as might shine 'midst *Prussia*'s tall Batallions;
And worth at least a hundred of *Italians:*
Such as might earn a longing matron's pelf:
In short, just such an *Eunuch* —— as my self.
Then say, ye fair, for say with truth you can,
You've seen the *Eunuch* once, — that was a *man*.

We have received, since our last, a letter from TOM SHRED, and an Epigram from IGNOTUS.

Dublin, Dec. 26. I suppose in London you are desirous of knowing how the intended bill for repeal of the Test was dropt: the Court party sent for some of the most eminent leading men among the dissenters, and told them, that it would not be brought into parliament unless they could engage seventy of the Country party to be for it; for those join'd with the Courtiers would carry it beyond all doubt, (for some members that generally voted with the Court were strenuously against this bill) so that the dissenters try'd their strength, and got about fifty of the Country party to be for it; but the Court party did not think it fit then to trust it; but (as it was said) thought to bring it in in the holidays, (for the house only adjourn'd for Christmas-day) when the gentlemen in the Country interest were hospitably treating their neighbours and tenants at home in the country; but this getting air, the Country party made a motion, *That no bill for repealing any act, or part of an act, should be brought into the house after such a day:* this was immediately seconded, and there seem'd in the house so great a majority to support the motion, that the Court party did not oppose it, so it was passed nemine contradicente, which put an end to this great affair. —— Our new speaker seems to please every body; he is lately made chancellor of the Exchequer *durante bene placito.* —— It is said here the lord lieutenant and his son, the lord Middlesex, intend shortly for England. *L E. Jan.* 5.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 3. —— *Genoa, Dec.* 18. We have received advice from Corsica, that 500 mountaineers have defeated one of our detachments; and that the malecontents are increased to 4000 men. *D J.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 4. —— *Petersburg, Dec.* 11. The empress has just given orders for 30,000 troops to get ready to march, which are to go to the assistance of the emperor. Count Sapieha disappears; we are afraid he is gone over to Stanislaus. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 5. Our accounts from Dantzick assure us, that they are in no manner of pain for any attempts the Russians may think proper to make against that city, the same being every way in a condition to hold out against an army of 80,000 men for a long time; and the hills moreover which surround it being intirely sapp'd and sow'd with mines, so that an innumerable body of men must be lost, before any troops can even approach the town to besiege it. *D A.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 7. —— *Dantzick, Dec.* 30. A French vessel lately arrived from Stockholm, having on board arms for 14,000 men, as did also another from Holland, with money and ammunition. —— All Great Poland, without excepting even the Palatinates, whereof the Russians and Saxons are masters, have entered into a confederacy in king Stanislaus's favour. *P. D P. D J.*

Paris, Dec. 9. The marquis de Villars arrived Versailles the 4th, and brought the news of the taking of the castle of Milan. *C.* &c. —— The duke de Cheblais, 3d son of the king of Sardinia, died at Turin toward the close of last month. He was born July 3, 1733. *C. P.*

Berlin, Jan. 5. N. S. We have received advice, that the Saxon troops have entered Craeow without the least resistance, the governor of the castle having immediately surrendered the same. *P. D P. D A.*

TUESDAY *Jan.* 8. —— *Venice, Jan.* 2. Letters from Constantinople of *Nov.* 27th, advise, that an express had brought the news that Kouli-kan having been obliged to retire into narrow defiles, and seeing no way to save his army, had demanded peace of the Seraskier Topal Osman, upon the terms the Port would please to prescribe. *P. D P. D A.*

Hambourg, Jan. 4. They write from Berlin, that the hopes they had of a British minister shortly arriving at that court, is vanished and the house thrown up, which was said to be hired for his excellency. *D P.*

Paris, Jan. 8. They write from Dantzick that Augustus on divers pretences has put off his coronation 'till next spring. *D J.*

Rome, Dec. 26. Cardinal Corsini repairing on tuesday last to the palace of the Chevalier de S. George, who had sent him word that he had something to communicate to him; we were very much surprized to see soon after a detachment of the pope's guards go and seize all the avenues to the Chevalier's palace, and make a strict search in the neighbouring houses. It is reported, that it was on account of a discovery that has been made, that some english lords arrived here, designed to carry away the Chevalier's eldest son with them to England; and it is added, that they had even prepared that young gentleman to get away by stealth, in case he met with any impediment. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 9. —— *Florence, Dec.* 26. News is just arrived, that the Spaniards have taken the fort of Aula. *D P.*

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